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AMEMBASSY LONDON

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LONDON FOR USDEL TO IMCO CONFERENCE

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENGR, SENU DR

SUBJECT: MONA ISLAND DEEP WATER PORT PROJECT

REF : STATE 190534

1. SANTO DOMINGO DAILY LISTIN DIARIO OF OCT 15 CARRIES  
STORY BASED ON PRESS RELEASE BY OFFICE OF CIVIL DEFENSE WHICH  
SAYS GODR WILL TAKE TO CURRENT IMCO CONFERENCE ITS CASE  
AGAINST CONSTRUCTION OF A DEEP WATER PORT AND REFINERY ON MONA  
ISLAND AS PROPOSED BY GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO. CIVIL DEFENSE  
DIRECTOR MARINO ARIZA HERNANDEZ IS QUOTED AS FOLLOWS:  
"TO OUR GREAT REGRET, THE TRADITIONALLY FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH  
PUERTO RICO COULD BE AFFECTED CONSIDERABLY IF THE GOVERNMENT  
OF RAFAEL HERNANDEZ COLON PERSISTS IN BUILDING A SUPER PORT AND  
A GIGANTIC REFINERY ON MONA ISLAND." THE STORY GOES ON  
TO ACCUSE THE PUERTO RICAN GOVERNMENT OF BEING AWARE OF "...  
THE IRREPARABLE DAMAGE THAT THE OPERATION OF THIS HUGE POLLUTION  
EMPORIUM WILL INFLICT ON OUR CONTRY AFFECTING NOT ONLY OUR  
FLORA AND FAUNA BUT ALSO CAUSING A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN OUR  
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EASTERN SUGAR CANE PRODUCTION DUE TO THE EMISSIONS PRODUCED

BY THE PETROCHEMICAL INDUSTRY WHICH IT IS PLANNED TO ESTABLISH ON THAT ISLAND."

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH ARIZA IS GIVEN TO OVERSTATEMENT, HIS CONCERN ABOUT THE POSSIBLE HARMFUL EFFECTS ON THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC OF THE MONA ISLAND PROJECT IS WIDELY SHARED IN BOTH OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE SECTORS AS WELL AS IN THE NEWS MEDIA HERE. IMCO MEETING (WHICH WE UNDERSTAND WILL DEAL MAINLY WITH TANKER POLLUTION) MAY NOT BE APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR DOMINICANS TO VENTILATE THEIR CASE, BUT DEPT. MAY WISH TO PROVIDE THE US DELEGATION WITH BACKGROUND ON THE PROJECT IN CASE THEY TRY TO DO SO.

3. FOR EMBASSY LONDON. WE WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT ON DOMINICAN INITIATIVE IF IT MATERIALIZES.  
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